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FPPC Enforcement Decisions: December 13, 2007

The following are enforcement decisions approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its regular monthly meeting held in Sacramento on Thursday, December 13, 2007. Decisions are divided by category and include a brief summary of each case and the total amount of any administrative fine or fines in each case.

Additional information on each of the enforcement cases below can be found in the November agenda on the FPPC website at www.fppc.ca.gov. FPPC agendas are distributed and posted on the agency website 10 days prior to each monthly meeting.

The web version of the agenda includes links to the stipulations agreed to by the commission and by the individuals and organizations subject to the fines, or the default decisions proposed to the commission. Exhibits in support of the stipulations and proposed default decisions are also available on the website. If you are unable to access the FPPC website, or need further assistance, please call the FPPC communications office at (916) 322-7761.

Campaign Violation

Janet Nguyen, a member of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, and her campaign committee **Friends of Janet Nguyen 2007**, paid a **\$5,000 fine** for violating state and local campaign finance laws. Janet Nguyen was a successful candidate for the Orange County Board of Supervisors in the February 6, 2007, election and solicited contributions in March of 2007 to cover legal costs incurred in defending her victory. The office of the California Attorney General charged Nguyen with violating five counts of the Orange County Campaign Reform Ordinance resulting in fines of \$2,500; and the Fair Political Practices Commission charged Nguyen with violating two counts of the Political Reform Act, resulting in fines of \$2,500.

Late Contribution

When contributions of \$1,000 or more are made or received during the final days of an election—the time between the last campaign report required to be filed and the end of the election—late contribution reports must be filed within 24 hours of making the “late” contribution.

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The following failed to file late contribution reports in 2006 as required by the Political Reform Act:

Robert J. Hildebrand, of Beverly Hills, failed to timely disclose a \$11,200 late contribution. **\$1,680 fine.**

Jeanne Pritzker, of Los Angeles, failed to timely disclose a \$22,300 late contribution. **\$3,345 fine.**

7-Eleven, Inc., of Dallas, Texas, failed to timely disclose a \$10,000 late contribution. **\$1,500 fine.**

Lisa Pevaroff, of New York, New York, failed to timely disclose a \$10,000 late contribution. **\$1,500 fine.**

Rajesh Navar, of Los Altos Hills, failed to timely disclose a \$10,000 late contribution. **\$1,500 fine.**

Major Donor

A major donor is a person or entity who makes contributions totaling \$10,000 or more in a calendar year and is required to file campaign reports detailing how much was contributed and to whom.

The following failed to file a 2007 major donor report as required by law:

E & B Natural Resources, of Bakersfield, failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement disclosing \$128,625 in contributions made in 2006. **\$1,686.25 fine.**

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